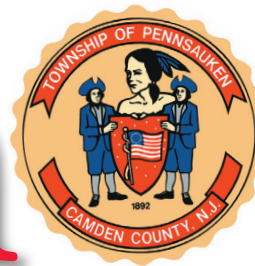


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Shredding Event Held In Pennsauken On June 12



The Pennsauken Environmental Commission is hosting its annual shredding event at the Park Avenue School Campus, 8125 Park Ave., on Saturday, June 12, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

This paper-only shredding event is solely for Pennsauken and Merchantville residents, not businesses; those who attend must bring an I.D. Participants are asked to wear a mask and stay in their vehicles with the windows up. Items for shredding should be placed in the rear of the vehicle, such as a trunk, truck bed, or an unoccupied back seat.

Things that can be shredded include anything that has your signature, account number, social security number, etc., as well as any type of medical or legal information; documents can range from bank statements and credit card offers to tax forms and utility bills.

This is not a recycling event; also, items such as hard cover books, magazines, etc. will not be accepted.

These events are extremely well attended; residents are encouraged not to wait until the last minute to attend.

For more information, visit "Pennsauken Township Environmental Commission" on Facebook.

Township Fireworks Display Held On June 12

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken Township and its Parks and Recreation Department are holding a fireworks display with music on Saturday, June 12, at the town's Community Recreation Complex on Westfield Ave.

"In the coming weeks and months, we'll be celebrating the start of summer, as well as the significant holidays of Juneteenth, and Independence Day," said Township Committeeman Tim Killion. "To recognize all of these important dates, as well as to try to bring some normalcy back to our community, we've put together something we can all enjoy."

On June 12, cars will be allowed into the complex at 7:00 p.m. The Township anticipates that parking spots will be filled

quickly. Once at capacity, residents will have to park in and around the area and walk up to the facility. Attendees can sit in or outside of their vehicles; in truck cabs and on tailgates; or along the grass and in the parking lot. The fireworks display will occur approximately around 9:00 p.m. A DJ will be playing music throughout the event.

While Governor Murphy has removed COVID-19 restrictions, mask wearing and social distancing are an encouraged option for participants who may feel uncomfortable without them. For updates, please visit the Township's website at twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

Pennsauken Township is hosting a fireworks display on June 12.



Township Addresses Community Cat Population With New Program



Pennsauken is looking for residents and community groups to participate in its new community cat management program.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken Township has been receiving an increasing number of calls from residents about the issue of "community

cats," ownerless, feral/stray cats that are making their homes outside in Pennsauken. Shying from human contact, these cats ultimately form colonies; if left

unchecked, these groups of animals grow rapidly, as a female cat can become pregnant as early as five months old. The overpopulation of community cats creates a negative impact on neighborhoods and puts a severe strain on area shelters.

"If the issue of community cats is not addressed, the problem will just keep getting bigger," said Nancy Welsh, Pennsauken Township's animal control officer. "Overpopulation of these animals is more than just a nuisance. It creates an environment for spreading diseases like rabies and distemper, as well as causing more cats to be euthanized in shelters that run out of room."

Pennsauken's municipal government is making changes to its ordinance to create public-private partnerships as part of a

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New Jersey Primary Election Held Tuesday, June 8



By Pam Forman, Acting Township Clerk

The 2021 New Jersey Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, June 8. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

For those voting by mail, ballots were mailed out to eligible residents beginning in April. In addition to using the U.S. Mail, voters can also place their com-

peted ballots in the drop box located in the Township's municipal complex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd.

Below is a list of polling locations for the upcoming election. Should residents have any questions, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at (856) 665-1000 x122 or x124.

Polling Location	Street Address	District #s
Temple Lutheran Church	5600 N. Rt. 130	1, 11, & 24
Working in the Faith Outreach Ministries	550 49th St.	2 & 15
Faith Independent Bible Church	7651 Rogers Ave.	3 & 23
Martin Luther Christian School	4106 Terrace Ave.	4 & 16
Pennsauken Municipal Court	2400 Bethel Ave.	5
Pennsauken Senior Towers	8001 Maple Ave.	6
Pennsauken Free Public Library	5605 N. Crescent Blvd.	7
Homestead Youth Center	4771 Willow Ave.	8 & 10
Saint Matthew's United Methodist Church	1665 Derousse Ave.	9 & 14
Macaro's Catering	6223 Westfield Ave.	12
Pennsauken United Methodist Church	3451 Pennsylvania Ave.	13, 17 & 18
MPWC	6751 Westfield Ave.	19
Circle of Hope Church	3800 Marlton Pike	20
Stonegate at St. Stephen's	5101 Stonegate Dr.	21
Cooper River Plaza	2400 McClellan Dr.	22



Important Numbers

Pennsauken Township Municipal Building: (856) 665-1000

Clerk: x122, 123 or 124

Construction: x130, 131, or 132

Code Enforcement: x134, 136, 169 or 171

Economic Development: x108

Housing/Resale/Rental: x145

Mayor's Office: x152 or 155

Parks and Recreation: x151

Planning and Zoning: x128

Senior Services: x125

Tax Assessor: x112 or 116

Tax Collector: x118, 119 or 121

Pennsauken Country Club: (856) 662-4961

Pennsauken Free Public Library: (856) 665-5959

Pennsauken Public Works: (856) 663-0178

Public Safety/Emergency Dispatch: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Dispatch: (856) 663-1234

EMS: (856) 665-2323

Fire Administration: (856) 663-1208

Fire Prevention and Inspection Bureau: (856) 665-0774

Police Department: (856) 488-0080

Pennsauken Municipal Court: (856) 663-1403

Pennsauken Animal Control: (856) 663-3058

Camden County Animal Shelter: (856) 401-1300

Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill: (856) 665-8787

Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission (856) 663-0043

Pennsauken Sewerage Authority: (856) 663-5542

South Jersey Sanitation (Trash/Recycling Vendor): (609) 561-0441

Camden County Board of Social Services: (856) 225-8800

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MAYOR'S CORNER Dealing With Pennsauken's Trash And Recycling Issues



By Marco DiBattista,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

Over the past few weeks, both myself and my fellow members of Township Committee, our town's administration, and Pennsauken's Department of Public Works have been working to resolve an ongoing issue that has affected our entire community. We've seen significant, ongoing delays in trash, recycling, and yard debris collection, due to a lack of available staffing from Seaside Waste, formerly known as South Jersey Sanitation, the company Pennsauken contracted to perform this service for our residents. And to add insult to injury, right before Memorial Day, our vendor

failed to send even one truck. We share the frustrations of our fellow residents. We deserve better.

We've had some serious, ongoing conversations with Seaside Waste about getting this service back on track. To help our residents, Pennsauken's Department of Public Works staff are assisting with the collection of trash, recycling, and yard debris that has been missed. Employing all of the resources and staff they have available, our Public Works is doing a great job picking up the slack until everything is caught up. The Township is renting equipment and borrowing trucks from the Board of Education; we thank them for their assistance. Pennsauken has also purchased a 25-yard trash truck. In addition to a variety of other benefits, this vehicle will directly address the shortcomings we're

encountering with our vendor. This truck could be on Pennsauken's streets within the next few weeks.

Moving forward, we're asking our residents to do the following: put your trash, recycling, and yard debris out on your regularly scheduled days and then leave them curbside until they are collected.

As soon as they receive the most up-to-date developments, Pennsauken's Public Works will be posting information via Facebook. We'll be sharing this information via our social media channels as well. If you wish to report that your street has been missed, you can contact Public Works by calling (856) 663-0178, emailing publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us, or visiting their Facebook page.

I thank the Pennsauken community for their patience as we move forward to develop a solution to this problem. As



Over Memorial Day Weekend, Pennsauken's Department of Public Works were hard at work picking up outstanding trash, recycling, and yard debris not collected by the town's vendor.

your mayor, I, along with the entire Township Committee and all our municipal staff, take this matter very seriously

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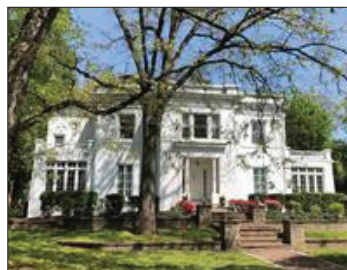
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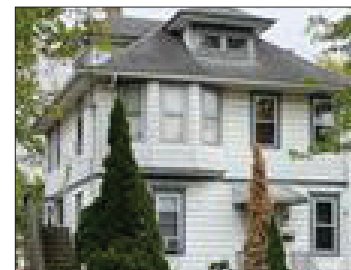
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WAGSWORLD Is Technology Good Or Bad? Guess I Need To Google It

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

I admit to being a two-faced user of the internet.

I have whined for years about the grip internet use has on us all, and how our kids are slaves to instant information and video games. And yet, I carry my phone almost everywhere, waiting for that call or text or message. Most calls that roll in are reminders to bring home milk, or some friend with an idea about doing something I don't want to do. Lately, half my calls are reminders to get an extended warranty on my truck.

Still, when I really need help with an idea, I go to the app for Pinterest. There I can get lost for hours, seeing folks show off their skills in carving. I find great inspiration on the many pages of photos enclosed, then scoot over to YouTube to actually see how it is done.

This in no way keeps me from complaining about the system, of course.



One of Wags' hand-carved bears greets visitors at The Station in Merchantville.

And when traveling, the bride must listen to my laments, all the while listening to the talking girl who lives in her phone, telling us street by street how to get

where we are going.

The kids would have lost almost two years of school if they didn't know how to use the computer. I recognize the importance, and still, as most grandparents do, call on the young to fix my internet screw ups. But without the computer, the foreign and domestic terrorists couldn't blackmail international pipeline companies out of millions to get back their oil flow. The two-edged sword that is progress makes me crazy.

The bride was laughing at my misadventures with the current carving, the bear. I used some modern power tools, along with my favorite mallet and chisels, to create a lumpy bear. After few weeks of bad weather, I was close to finishing. Then the problem of volume set in. I can't work at floor level with sharp tools, and I can't lift like I did when I had a body and muscles that helped me, in-

stead of attacking my back with jabbing shafts of pain.

I called on new friends to help me transport, finish, and deliver the fat bear to his new temporary home at The Station coffee house on Chestnut.

Then, with the help of total strangers, unloaded said bear, and his young, smaller protege. After a bit of time, I will be looking for a new place to rest the chunky fellow; 'til then, he will sit on his stump, encouraging others to sit and rest. I am going to do the same, except when this line is finished, I will drive to Brigantine, without the aid of my phone, and hit the front beach for some spring striper fishing. The phone just told me there are fish on the beach, just now. Even included pictures to entice me out. Oh, how I love (or hate) this modern time!

More later...

First Presbyterian Church Starts Community Garden

The First Presbyterian Church of Merchantville, 10 W. Maple Ave., is starting a community garden to grow produce for its food pantry.

Volunteers are needed to help with the garden. Interested parties can contact Gary Peze at (609) 509-0183 or garypeze@aol.com.

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The cost is \$30 per child, with discounts for two or more family members. Rhythm instruments and other materials will be provided.

For additional details, questions, or to register, email muslife23@gmail.com or call (609) 206-9031.

PENNSAUKEN JUNE PUBLIC MEETINGS

As restrictions continue to loosen, public meetings may be held in person this month. Details and updates can be found on twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

Township Committee
June 3 and 17, 6:00 p.m.

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June 2 and 16, 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board
June 1 and 22, 6:30 p.m.



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EDITOR'S DESK Lessons In Math – And Life – Learned On Scrap Paper



By Frank Sinatra,
AAP Editor

"Get me the scrap paper."

This simple sentence would strike fear into any child living in the Sinatra household, as it meant that Dad was about to help you with your math homework. While "the other guy" was a crooner, the Mr. Sinatra I grew up with

was a mechanical engineer and a program manager for the U.S. Navy. Math and my Dad remain extremely good friends to this day. They still exchange Christmas cards every year. However, the study named by Plato and I have a more... complicated relationship.

Dad did his best. Anyone trying to help their kid with mathematics knows that old math, new math, common core math, they all get to the number, but

through opposite directions. Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, it was like Dad and I were speaking different languages. And as frustrating as it was for me, I can only imagine how it was for my father, whose brain still runs circles around mine when it comes to numbers. But his determination, and the scrap paper, remained

plentiful.

In addition to math, Dad taught me a lot more. He was always busy with work, but he found the time to help his kids. And while we had different ways of learning, we found some common ground. After all, the homework did get done. The lessons on patience? Well, let's just say I'm still working on those.

Now, when my son has math problems he needs help with, the first thing I reach for is the scrap paper. I make sure there's plenty of it on hand. Learned that from my dad.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads, stepdads, foster dads, and every other dad in between. May your scrap paper be in ample supply.

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Pennsauken PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

By Joe Scavuzzo,
Director, Department of Public Works

Working To Get Pennsauken's Waste Collection Back On Track

Pennsauken and other South Jersey communities are experiencing service issues with Seaside Waste, previously known as South Jersey Sanitation, in regard to trash, recycling, and yard debris collection. Even after creating a hybrid

approach where our Department of Public Works would staff Seaside Waste's trucks as throwers to help keep collection routes on schedule, Pennsauken has seen days where no trucks at all were sent to our community. It is an understatement to say that your Public Works Department is disappointed. We know that you – our residents – are just as frustrated.

We are hard at work, employing all of our available resources to make up for our current vendor's deficiencies. Recently, we have had every single employee on the street working on collecting Pennsauken's trash and recycling. Regardless of what our contractor promises, we cannot wait nor count on them.

You may be asking why we jump around towards the end of the day and leave some items behind. When the trucks get filled, we obviously need to dump them. The incinerator closes at 5:30 p.m. during the week. We try to unload trucks prior to this time in order to return to the route with an empty truck. Once it is filled again, that truck needs to park until the plant reopens the next morning. The same thing goes for recycling. However, on Saturdays, the incinerator closes at noon and the local recycling plant is closed. This requires us to run recyclables to Pitman, N.J., the next closest – which also closes at noon. We work within these obstacles to get as far as we can – and still offer a break for the guys, who are pulling 13+ hour days.

To those wondering how the Department of Public Works' overtime and fuel is covered, Pennsauken Township will pass along any/all incurred expenses to Seaside Waste. Additional steps are also being made to ensure our vendor fully

adheres to their contractual obligations.

While we navigate this issue, Public Works continues to ask residents to take your trash, recycling, and yard debris out on your regularly scheduled days and leave them curbside until they are collected. Please remember that the weight limit for bags of trash, recycling cans, bundles of yard debris, and the like is 50 lbs. In addition to making things safer for our crews, this goes quite a long way to help speed up the collection process.

We do want to thank our fellow residents for their patience during this time. Pennsauken's Department of Public Works is trying to bridge the service gap and keep all routes as close to on schedule as possible. Because of sanitary issues, trash will always be collected first, taking precedence over recycling. In addition, recycling will be collected before yard debris. When facing collection delays, the goal of the Public Works Department is to be no more than a day and a half behind the normal schedule.

We have received some of the greatest compliments over the past few weeks, both in person and through social media. Our guys truly appreciate the ongoing support.

As we continue to work through these collection delays, we will provide regular updates via social media. Generally, we post information twice a day. And while we work extremely hard to hit every block, there are times when we miss something. Please do not hesitate to contact us and let us know. Residents can report uncollected materials via our Facebook page, "Pennsauken Twp. Dept. of Public Works," emailing PublicWorks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us, or calling (856)-663-0178.



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Through the work of the Lions Club Foundation started more than 50 years ago, it has been able to award over \$1 billion to local and global Lion projects and causes. These projects have been funded entirely by charitable donations from Lions Club members, friends, and partners in our communities. Thanks to this ongoing support, the Foundation has been able to provide over 13,000 grants that have focused on:

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These grants have enabled Lions to do what they do best: using a grassroots approach that allows members to act locally, while making a global impact; working with experienced volunteer leaders and technical advisors and staff that provide critical grant oversight and accountability; and establishing collaborative partnerships with leading organizations that help expand the Lions efforts to support larger service activities.

As a Lion, you not only become just a member, but part of a network of organizations, businesses and volunteers committed to making a difference for the betterment of our community.



The Pennsauken Lions Club has partnered with Circle of Hope Church to package and distribute food to those in need.

Last month, the Pennsauken Lions Club conducted their first community activity during the pandemic. For the next first Saturdays in June, July and August, the Lions and Circle of Hope Church will work together to package and distribute food to needy families.

The Pennsauken Lions continues to

work and make this difference every day for our community. The ongoing pandemic and its restrictions on gathering have prevented the Lions from holding in-person meetings. Now that certain restrictions have been eased some and many of our Lions have been fully vaccinated, the Lions will hold their first in-person meeting of the year on Monday, June 7, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Macaro's Deli & Catering, 6225 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken.

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By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

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- Westmont: June 7, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.; register at (856)-858-2986 or Tom.Castellano@camdencounty.com
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Camden County's spring senior dance class is run via Zoom video chat. The virtual class will teach a structured therapeutic dance for individuals. It is fun and geared to help improve and/or maintain strength and flexibility.

Upcoming classes are held June 2, 6, 9, 16, 21, 23, and 30. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86102173267> and the meeting ID is 861 0217 3267.

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Delair Students Have Fun During Music Class



Delair students posed for "album cover" photos during music class!

Delair music students are on their way to being famous (we think)!

Students went outside during music class to play instruments and sing as they prepare for their first-ever recording! Ms.

Conklin is working her musical magic with them and they are excited!

Delair salutes our music department, and we can't wait to see what else they have in store!

Franklin Spreads Autism Awareness



Staff at Franklin spread Autism awareness during the month of April.

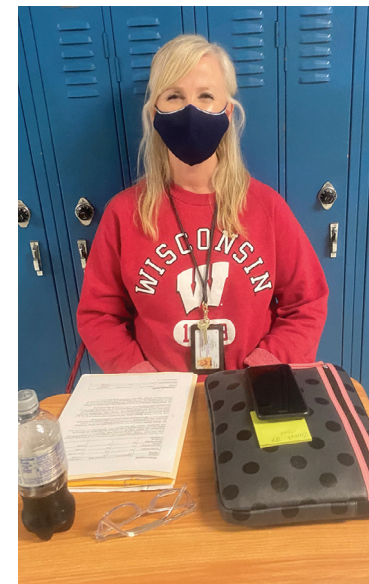
April was Autism Awareness Month, and the staff at Franklin Elementary showed awareness by wearing their Autism shirts and hanging information

about Autism in the hall. In addition, staff collected donations and sent them to the Autistic Self Advocacy Network.

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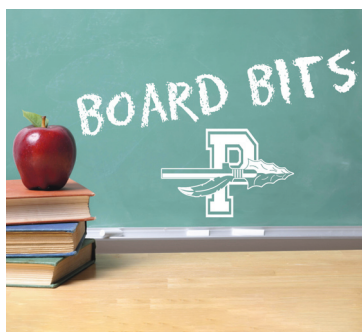
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Sharing Exciting News About What's Ahead For Pennsauken Public Schools

By the Pennsauken Board of Education: Nick Perry, President; JoAnn Young, Vice President; Lisa Eckel; Michael Hurley; Maria James; Diane Johnson; Samer John Jarboub-Rafeh; Scott La Vine; and Orlando Viera

Much like the Pennsauken community, the Board of Education is just as excited as that the start of summer is just around the corner. While many are looking forward to the end of a challenging

school year, our Board has a lot to do in the coming months. There are so many positive things happening and we have a lot of good news to share!

After consultation with our superintendent and medical professionals, we are looking to open the school district on a five-day schedule with social distancing in September 2021. For Pennsauken parents and students who are interested in staying on a remote learning model, we are also offering that as an option. Medical professionals have said that social distancing is imperative in September and throughout the upcoming 2021 - 2022 school year. We recognize that our parents' focus is to keep their children safe. The Board assures our community that remote learning will mirror our in-school model and that students will be video streaming directly into live classrooms. The remote learning option is available for all our pre-k through 12th grade stu-

dents. Dr. Tarchichi has assured the Board of Education that the safety and complete education of our students is the top priority of Pennsauken Public School. All of our decisions are through consultation of physicians, including and not limited to internists and infectious disease doctors.

During these difficult times, Dr. Tarchichi and the Board of Education want to ensure that we are fiscally caring and accommodating to our community. For the upcoming year we have ensured that there is a zero tax increase due to your child's education. This is remarkable, because this summer we will offer academic remediation and enrichment for our students, both primary and secondary, at no cost to our school families. This will be an opportunity for all students to capitalize on any academic losses due to the pandemic.

The Board of Education will offer academic, vocational, and athletic opportu-

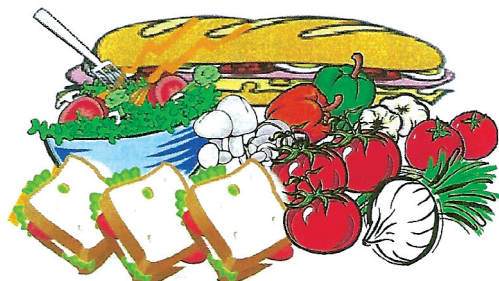
nities for our students throughout the summer. We look forward to the coming months in our District as we move past this pandemic together.

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Good News As We Close Out The 2020-2021 School Year

We are in the last month of the 2020-21 school year and I would like to share some good news with the Pennsauken Community about our great students.

In 2016, when I arrived at Pennsauken Public Schools, one of my main initiatives was to create articulation agreements with local colleges in order for students in Pennsauken to earn more college credit before graduating high school. We have agreements with Camden County College, Rowan College of Burlington County, Rowan College of Gloucester County, and Rowan University Main

Campus. Our students are taking advantage of these programs and are leaving Pennsauken High School with college credits, which not only advances their post-secondary education, but also saves their families a great deal of money when paying for college.

I congratulate all our students who took advantage of this opportunity and offer special congratulations to one student in particular. Before Duy Nguyen graduates this month, he will have earned a whopping 47 college credits for college, which is the most in Pennsauken Public Schools history. Prior to graduating, Duy almost earned an associate degree! Additionally, I would tout the type of classes Duy took as a high school student: linear

algebra, computer science, calculus I and II, general biology I and II, general chemistry I and II, and analytical geometry. The majority of college students refuse to take courses which are that difficult; but a Pennsauken High School student not only took those courses but finished with a 4.0 grade point average!

Our administration has spent a great deal of time building CTE options for students which include automotive, carpentry, cosmetology, culinary arts, electrical construction, welding, criminal justice, Air Force JROTC, HVACR, EMT and fire safety, and health occupations. They are wonderful options with very lucrative futures; however, it is equally as important to enhance the academic opportu-

nities of our students. Duy has taken full advantage of these opportunities and we are very proud of him.

Students, if they work hard, have the opportunity to earn a full associate degree (60 college credits) before they finish high school. In fact, students could even enroll in one of the above CTE programs and also earn college credit, if they choose. The sky is the limit for students in Pennsauken Public Schools. However, there is one caveat: they must work hard, which I know they can.

Thank you Duy Nguyen for showing us the way, your parents must be very proud of you; I know we are as your academic family.

Spring Time Fun At Baldwin



Ms. Weissman's class is having so much fun at Baldwin! While learning about our unit of "spring," the students are creating many crafts in the classroom with hands on, sensory materials.



Fine Holds Extended Day Program

Fine Elementary School successfully completed six weeks of an "extended day" program. Ms. J. Landis, Ms. R. Merrick, Ms. E. Lagonik, and second and third grade students had an amazing opportunity to participate.

This program involved three STEM projects connecting through literature: "My Mouth is a Volcano," by Julia Cook – an acid/base volcano experiment; "The Three Little Pigs," by James Marshall, and "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs," by Jon Scieszka – a force and motion experiment where students built a structure and tested it with a fan; and "Roller Coaster," by Marla Frazee – a potential and kinetic energy experiment with marbles.

It was fun and pedagogical to see second and third graders getting to know each other, sharing ideas, and developing students' collaborative skills such as brainstorming, decision-making, planning and negotiating. Students learned how to collaborate on projects with oth-



During Fine's extended day program, students performed STEM experiments connected through literature.

ers, as well as how to work independently on different areas and phases of the projects. Students and teachers involved enjoyed the activities and all look forward to doing this again next year.

Baldwin Enjoys Musical May



Last month, students at Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center enjoyed the beautiful weather to combine movement with music!

Studying Animals And The Life Cycle



Franklin students are studying caterpillars as they change into butterflies.

Mrs. Goldstein and Ms. Steck's first grade remote learners started a fun project during the month of April. They are learning about animals and experiencing the life cycle of butterflies.

Both classes have cups of caterpillars to observe as they go through their process of metamorphosis and turn into beautiful butterflies. The caterpillars started off tiny; they ate and grew to be quite large. They are currently in chrysalis form and we are eagerly awaiting their emergence. We can't wait to see our Painted Lady Butterflies!

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Preschoolers Grow During Lessons About Flowers



Mrs. Barbara's PSD class concluded their study of flowers by observing worms and learning how they're good for soil!

In April, Franklin's preschoolers studied flowers! Mrs. Shaner's class planted and took care of marigolds, making sure they had water and sunlight. Students learned about the parts of a plant and studied seeds and how they grow. In their dramatic play area, students created flower arrangements and sold them to "customers" at their very own Preschool Flower Shop!

PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

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Fine's Parent Involvement Night Focuses On Summer Strategies

In May, Fine held a parent involvement night, where both parents and guardians were invited to learn about hands-on activities to help their children learn over the summer.

Attendees were separated to attend three sessions, two of which took place outside on a beautiful evening. Groups rotated through chalk activities that worked on phonemics and number sense; cool at-home science experiments; and a tutorial on how to maximize a quality reading website.

This was the first Fine School event of the school year with people coming to the building! There were many smiles as students and families tried activities themselves to help them understand each skill.



Fine's parent involvement night showcased hands-on activities to help students learn over the summer.

Afterwards, families left with a personal Montegrillo's pizza, as well as books and materials to do these fun ac-

tivities at home. It was a fun night at Fine that also was a good sign of brighter days ahead!

We Are Proud Of Our Carson ELL Students

This spring, Ms. Davis is excited to report that she was so happy to welcome her remote English Language Learner (ELL) students back to Carson to take their progress assessment test! Due to the pandemic, she was not able to see her Remote ELL students in person for more than a year!

Her third grade remote ELLs were so excited to receive their awards and their Carson Memories Booklet. They also received some book bundles to take home to continue enjoying reading in the summer.

Ms. Davis wishes all of our third grade ELLs the best of luck in the Intermediate School next year!



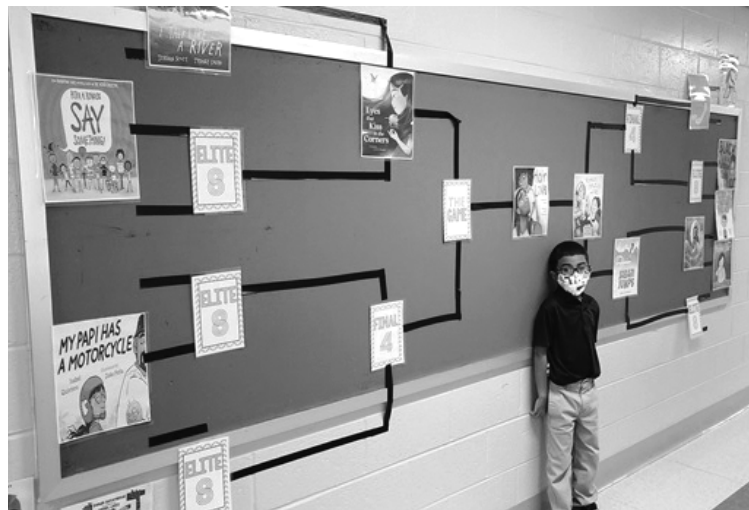
Remote ELL students at Carson recently took their progress assessment test.

“Hair Love” Wins Fine School’s Tournament Of Books

Instead of picking basketball teams, Fine's Read Across America committee instituted tournament brackets that pit books celebrating diversity against one another.

Every class would read each book in the tournament and vote for the winner. At the end of each day, Mr. Honeyman would announce the winners of the student voting. Many students waited with excitement for these announcements.

The final two books in April were “Hair Love,” by Matthew Cherry, and “Mango, Abuela and Me,” by Meg Medina. These were very popular books with the students because many Fine children could make text to life connections with the characters and storyline. The winner turned out to be “Hair Love” by a close vote!



Instead of basketball teams, Fine students chose tournament brackets of books to compete against each other!

Carson's Extended Day Program



Students at Carson enjoyed participating in an extended day program.

Students at Carson enjoyed extending their learning day!

For a six-week period, students remained after school two days a week to extend and explore multiple learning op-

portunities. One of the STEM learning activities involved erupting citrus fruits!

Students enjoyed the extended day so much that they were sad to see it end and asked for more time after school!

Irish For A Day At Carson



On St. Patrick's Day, everyone was Irish for the day in Mrs. Cinalli's ELL class! We celebrated by making Leprechaun hats and listening to Irish music.

Still Growing Despite The Pandemic

Even in the midst of change, our resilient Fine community has come together to celebrate our school's ongoing success.

Students and staff voted earlier in the year to select a theme for this year that emphasizes a positive culture for learning. They chose “Growing Minds in Changing Times.” They even got to select the logo!

Our school year theme and logo are now printed on to t-shirts to continue creating a positive school environment that celebrates the hard work that has gone into teaching, learning, and sticking together. Students can wear their shirts on the last day of the week for the remainder of the school year. As each week ends, whether remote or in-person, we hope that your children get the chance to feel connected with one another and our school community.



Fine students can wear a t-shirt with this year's theme and logo on the last day of each school week.

We are proud of everyone's accomplishments this year and look forward to seeing these shirts fill the hallways and computer screens in pride!

Mini Clean-Up Events Help Beautify Outdoor Spaces

The Pennsauken Environmental Commission and the Township's Parks and Recreation Department have scheduled several mini clean-up events to help beautify the town's outdoor spaces.

There are monthly mini clean-ups scheduled for August through October.

Each clean-up will have a maximum of 15 people. Participants (individuals or a team of family members) will be provided with trash bags, a bucket, gloves, and a trash picker. As volunteers will be working outdoors, please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

The following are the scheduled clean-ups:

- Aug. 29, 10:00 a.m. Pennsauken Creek, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.
- Sept. 11, 10:00 a.m., "The Pit," 4339 Burwood Ave.
- Oct. 2, 10:00 a.m., Tippin's Pond,



Township Committeewoman Nikki Roberts and members of the community helped pick up litter at Meadowbrook Park in May. The next open clean-up event is Aug. 29.

421 Cove Rd.

Registration is required by at least two days prior to event. Once there are enough people, volunteers will be put on a waiting list and called if there is an opening.

Volunteers can wear face masks and practice social distancing if they wish. If you feel ill within 24 hours of the cleanup, come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is waiting results from a test; and/or you yourself are waiting on COVID-19 test results or have tested positive for the virus, please

let the organizers know and stay home. There will be plenty more clean-ups to attend when you feel better.

To register, please contact Stephanie Laurick at slauricknature@gmail.com or Duke Martz at emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us. Please include your full name, number of people (family) attending, the date/location of the clean-up of interest, and a good phone number and/or email address to contact in case there is a volunteer cancellation, or the event is canceled or moved to another date.

COVID-19 Vaccination Pop-Up Held On June 4

The Camden County Department of Health, in conjunction with Temple Lutheran Church announce a pop-up vaccination event on Friday, June 4, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at 5600 N. Crescent Blvd. in Pennsauken.

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For questions, please contact the County Department of Health at (800) 222-1222.

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Pennsauken Veteran Honored By Phillies And Toyota

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

A Pennsauken veteran received a special surprise last month, courtesy of the Philadelphia Phillies and Toyota. Retired First Sergeant Arthur "Sonny" Wimberly and his service dog, Juno, were greeted by Phillies Ambassador Scott Palmer during a ceremony in the Delair section of town.

"On behalf of the Phillies and Toyota, we are honored to be here today, as we are on a secret mission to tip our caps to you, Sonny," said Palmer. "We're here to personally thank you for all that you've done for your country and our fellow veterans."

Wimberly, a Vietnam-era Army veteran who has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair, is also a para-athlete and

an avid Phillies fan. He was nominated to receive this recognition by Nick Liermann, founder and executive director of Team Foster, which provides service animals to veterans and found Juno for 1SG Wimberly.

"I had the pleasure of meeting 1SG Wimberly a few years ago," explained Liermann. "He and Juno are one of the first graduates of a South Jersey-based service dog program. Team Foster was founded in honor of my buddy, Erick Foster, who was killed in action in 2007. We do everything we can to push ourselves both physically and mentally and also to take care of our teammates. I can't think of anybody better who represents Erick's spirit. He represents what we want to be about and impacts the

community the same way that Erick did. So, Sonny, thank you brother."

Palmer, along with Bob McCormick, secretary, Tri-State Toyota Dealers Association, presented Wimberly and Juno with their own customized Phillies jerseys. The honoree and his service dog were also treated to a special parade featuring Pennsauken's first responders and Warriors Watch Riders, a group that uses their motorcycles to draw attention and show support for veterans. The 41-year Pennsauken resident was cheered on by students from Delair Elementary and received a gift from Principal Rosalyn Lawrence and Pennsauken Board of Education members Nick Perry and Diane Johnson. Finally, the Phillie Phanatic and 2008 World Champion coach

and 1993 National League Champion Milt Thompson invited Wimberly and Juno to throw out the first pitch at "Phillies Salute to Service Night presented by Toyota" during a sold-out game against the Boston Red Sox.

"I was totally surprised. I've just been overwhelmed with emotion. And going to the game is just icing on the cake," said Wimberly. "Pennsauken came out and did a great

job. This is our neighborhood, and we love it here."



Phillies alum Milt Thompson prepares to catch a pitch from Pennsauken veteran Sonny Wimberly during a special event held last month in the Delair section of town.



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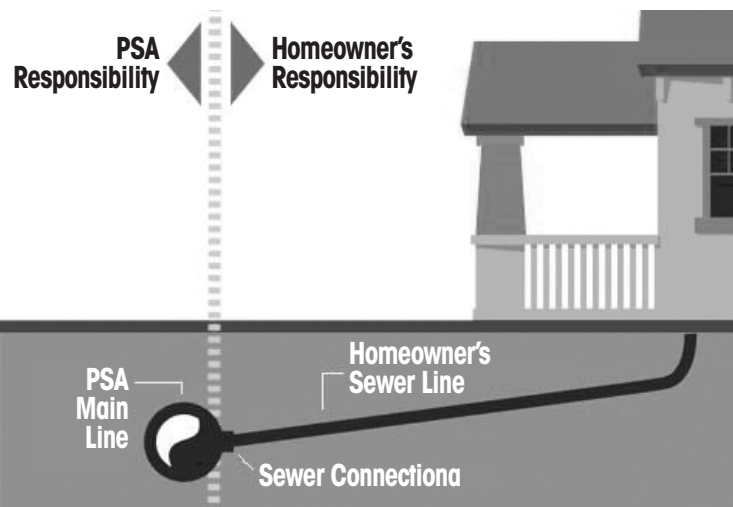
The homeowner owns and therefore is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the lateral line from their dwelling up to and including the connection to the main line.

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back flow prevention device commonly referred to as a "back check valve" be installed whenever plumbing fixtures are located below street level, such as in the basement. PSA strongly recommends all our customers have a back check valve installed to prevent contamination in the event of a main line stoppage.

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Cooking grease poured down the drain can cause a blockage of the lateral line. Please dispose of grease properly.



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Please do not flush baby wipes, "flushable" wipes, disinfectant wipes or paper towels down the toilet.

The Pennsauken Sewerage Authority is asking residents to think twice about what they are flushing down their toilets.

Paper towels, tissues, napkins, disinfectant wipes, and supposedly "flushable" wipes should not be flushed down the toilet.

We are seeing an increase in volume, which is to be expected given the number of people staying in their homes as

part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The Pennsauken Sewerage Authority remains available 24 hours a day to assist residents during the State of Emergency. We have enacted a "No Public Contact" policy for the protection of our neigh-

bors and our employees but we will respond to all requests for assistance and will advise the homeowner of our findings by telephone. If you require assistance call (856) 662-0686.

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GRAYMATTERS Happy Father's Day To The Dads Of All Shapes And Sizes

By Judith Kristen,
AAP Columnist

On Sunday, June 20, we get to celebrate Father's Day.

My dear old dad has been gone for over a half a century, but, I have been blessed to know many other wonderful dads out there over the course of my lifetime. There was my wonderful father figure, my Uncle John Turner, as well as friends and neighbors, Dr. Victor J. Bierman, Mr. George Mehaffey, and dear, sweet Mr. McGonagle, all extremely wonderful, kind, and understanding men, along with being delightful, devoted, and good-hearted dads.

Now please allow me an update to the "Wonderful Dad" list that now includes my grandson-in-law, Ed, the father of my three lovely great grand-daughters, Lily, Adele, and Margeaux. He's a loving and doting father; a respectful, loving and understanding husband to Krissy; and it's a joy to see him filled with the happiness he so easily shares with all of them.

There's one more person that I find quite necessary to also mention in the delightful, devoted, fun, kind, and good-hearted dad department. That would be my boss, right here at AAP: Mr. Frank Sinatra. And, as much as I know this will embarrass Frank in a good yet weird

way, I could never write this column about all the good dads I have known in my life and not mention him.

Frank has boundless energy and a great sense of humor. He's always willing to go the extra mile or two, or three, or more. Frank handles emergencies well, he's balanced, and he totally adores his children and their mom – and it shows.

Now, I know he's probably cringing while he looks this column over to see if it needs any edits, but hey! It's all true!

And now, for the piece de resistance. Frank is a fabulously, outstanding cook, and, drumroll, please... he makes the best meatballs EVER! If you can make a meatball half as good as Mr. Sinatra can, then you will have friends, neighbors, and relatives breaking your door down for an invitation to dinner for your next meatball feast. And I do mean feast.

While the "other" Sinatra fella from Hoboken made a pretty good name for himself as a singer, our very own Frank Sinatra has done right by his family, as a son and brother, as a friend and neighbor, as a boss, a co-worker, as a "helper"

of Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny during those special holiday seasons. But most importantly, he truly is a wonderful dad who makes the best meatballs EVER! I had to get that in there again.

As I once read, "The best thing a man can do for his children is to love their mother." Once more, I must say this is where Mr. S. truly shines the brightest. And it's a beautiful thing to see. I am so proud to call him my friend, my "adopted" son, my boss, my co-worker, my book technician, a living superhero, and, as a plus, Frank also thinks I make some pretty darn good meatballs myself. But then, I'm reminded of his chicken parmigiana and WOW! Well, I'll save that yummy story for another column.

Have a Happy Father's Day, Frank, as well as all you dads out there!

Feel the love, create more love, and make memories that are so beautiful, your great-great-great-grandchildren will hear all about them.

God bless you one and all.

Peace, Love, and Meatballs.

~Judith

DiBartolomeo Receives Doctorate From Widener



Jennifer Julia DiBartolomeo, a member of Pennsauken High School's graduating class of 2010, has earned her doctorate in psychology from Widener University. Congratulations!

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Wanda currently works as a Telecommunications Supervisor for the City of Camden for the past 40 years where she operates the NorStar Meridian and implements new VOIP telephone systems for Camden. She also assisted with the "Eye in the Sky" for the Camden Police Department in 2011 as well as assisted with their command mobile vans, phones, cameras, and internet connections for their police car laptops.

Wanda is also a present Community Leader and has been a City Committee Woman at Large for the past 35 years. She takes pride in the City of Camden and its history and is devoted to enhancing the resident's quality of life by helping to provide efficient and timely delivery of emergency services to the residents of Camden. Wanda has been the President of Parada San Juan Bautista, Inc. and is very proud of her heritage. She has been an English/Spanish translator to Senator Rand for 10 years as well as a translator for the Falco/Caruso & Leonard Funeral Homes.

Wanda is also a member of her Neighborhood Town Watch, assistant to Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Camden, political aide to Nilsa Cruz-Perez, on the Camden Empowerment Development Corporation Board of Development, a volunteered Member of Labor Management Committee, Chair Person to Employee of the Month Subcommittee, President City Supervisory Unit Trustee for Council #10 Union, Camden city Committee Woman at Large for Francisco "Frank" Moran (Mayor of the City of Camden), and on the board of Parish Council for Cathedral of Immaculate Conception Church in Camden.



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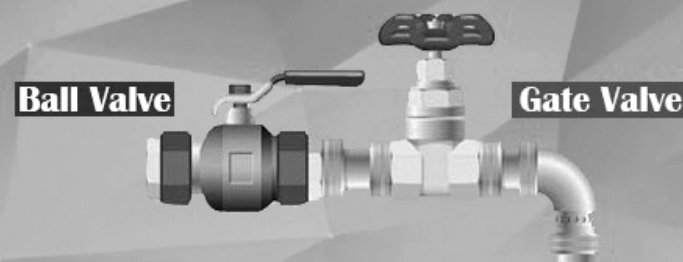
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In the **GARDEN** Flowers: Providing Happiness And Memories, Inside And Out

By Victoria Rose, AAP Columnist

Wow! What beautiful days we've had to work outside!

I have been busy planting flowers and setting up the yard for the summer. Luckily, I have my wonderful family to help with the work. It sure can be hard juggling many responsibilities to have the time to work outside and garden. If you are not able to plant in the ground or have the time to maintain a flower bed you could plant annuals in a hanging basket, standard pot, or a window box. Some garden centers even sell them already made up and you just bring it home and take care of it. Containers can be placed on your step, on a shepherd hook or hook from your house, or on your deck.

Whether you plant in the ground or in a container, make sure they are in the right location for sun or shade, and provide the plant with water. I cannot stress enough the importance of watering your plants. Water, water, water, especially on

these hot days! You can water early in the morning or as the sun goes down. Until recently, we have not had much rain and the dirt was very dry. Mulch can be added to your flower beds and containers to reduce the amount of water that evaporates from the soil and assist with weed control.

If you have not planted your annuals yet, they must be done this month. If you want to still do seeds for the vegetable garden, try pumpkins and gourds for homegrown fall decorations.

Zinnia and sunflower seeds will be able to bloom and last until late summer. Sunflowers have several meanings including positivity, admiration, loyalty, good luck, and happiness. Their bright yellow petals look like the sun, which makes me think of every day as a new opportunity to be thankful for family and friends. Zinnias come in several bright colors and can have small flowers or larger ones. I remember one year, my nanny planted them around our

patio block. They were so very pretty and every time I see a zinnia, I have that memory I still hold dearly of her.

When you think about it, flowers are a part of so many special memories. The handsome groom with his boutonniere awaiting his beautiful bride, as she walks down the aisle holding her bouquet. The corsage given to your prom date or flow-

ers sent to a new love. Fresh picked flowers for a friend to brighten their day, just because.

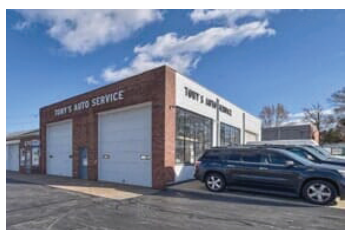
There are so many things in life we do not have control over, whether it's the driver who cut you off, the person who spoke ill of you, or a loved one becomes sick. Flowers grow and bloom for a short period of time, much like each day is a

tiny period for us to live our lives as another page in our personal book of life.

Enjoy your flowers however you get to see them, whether it be in the ground, a container, a vase, at the park, or just because!

Thank you for taking the time to read my column. Until next time, be kind, be beautiful, and be happy!

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community cat management program, which aims to protect the public health, prevent the spread of disease among animals, reduce shelter euthanasia, and preserve scarce shelter resources.

"In order to properly manage Pennsauken's community cat population, we're going to need the public's help," explained Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista. "Getting groups and volunteers involved is crucial to this initiative's success."

As part of the program, the Township partners with community cat managers: individuals, organizations, or volunteers approved by the town to trap, neuter, and return community cats to their colonies, more commonly known as TNR, a method identified as the most humane and effective way to regulate community cats and shrink their numbers. Pennsauken's Community Cats, organized by Jackie Casey and Jessica Rossi, is the first such group approved by the Township as a community cat manager.

Community cat managers in turn work with community cat caregivers: any person who, under the manager's supervision, assists in trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating, ear-tipping, and returning the cats to the area where they were first trapped. In the case of kittens and strays/feral cats that have interacted with humans and/or can be domesticated, these animals are taken to Camden County's no-kill intake shelter, Homeward Bound, and are vaccinated, spayed/neutered, microchipped, given medical treatment if needed, and placed into foster care until ready for adoption.

A TNR program is the best method to manage community cat populations, but it is not a quick fix. Feral/stray cats, while not as long-lived as their domesticated counterparts, do have a life span of up to seven or eight years. However, a colony, once completely spayed, stops growing immediately and does not accept other, non-spayed cats into its ranks.

For Pennsauken's community cat management program to be successful, it will require an ongoing commitment from dedicated organizations and volunteers. It also means that managers and caregivers are approved by the town's municipal government and subject to the code in the updated ordinance, which is expected to be approved by Township Committee this month. Any individual who is feeding a community cat colony in Pennsauken but not having them neutered, providing improper care, etc. will be subject to tickets and possible fines.

"We want people to know that if they have community cats in their neighborhood or on their block, the Township's animal control and Pennsauken's Community Cats are here to help," explained Casey. "Also, if you are caring for a large number of cats and are overwhelmed, we'll work with you. And most importantly, if you're ready to get involved and

volunteer, we'd love to have you."

More information on the town's community cat management program will be posted to the Pennsauken Township website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us, in the coming days. To report a community cat colony in Pennsauken, visit <http://bit.ly/pctnrhelp> to complete and submit

the online form. To learn how to get involved, join the "Pennsauken's Community Cats" public group on Facebook. To report cases of cat hoarding, inhumane treatment of animals, and the like, contact Pennsauken's animal control officer, Nancy Welsh, at (856) 663-3058.

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DEATHNOTICES Remembering Longtime Pennsauken Residents

Angelina S. Barnabie (nee Spinosi), age 95 of Pennsauken, passed away on May 10.

She was the beloved wife of the late Americo "Rick" F. Barnabie; devoted mother of Brenda B. (Thomas) Fedor and Brian A. (Rebecca) Barnabie; cherished grandmother of Brian Paul, Brad, Brett and Angela; and dear sister of the late Mary Caruso and Beni Spinosi. Barnabie is also survived by loving nieces and nephews.

Angelina was a proud graduate of Camden High School and worked for the IRS for 14.5 years, specializing in taxes. She was a longtime proud resident of Pennsauken since 1960. She was



Barnabie

known for her many Italian specialties.

She adored her four grandchildren and loved gardening, reading, and shopping with her daughter, Brenda. She had a wonderful marriage for 46 years to Rick. At the end of the day, Angelina's children will remember them for being such loving and giving parents and grandparents.

David Jay Applegate

David Jay Applegate of Pennsauken, passed away peacefully on May 13 at 53 years.

David was the devoted father of Lauren and Matthew Applegate; dear brother of Heather Applegate; and loving son of



Applegate

Mary Ellen Applegate and the late Henry J. He is also survived by Linda, the mother of his children.

David was a talented mechanic and truly loved cars in general. He also loved riding his motorcycle. He was very social, enjoyed being around people and especially loved live music. At one point in his life, he had a music business called Sledge Sound.

Theresa Smurlo

Theresa S. Smurlo (nee Rendak), age 90 years of Pennsauken, passed away peacefully on May 18.

Smurlo was the beloved wife of the late

Raymond F. Smurlo; devoted mother of Marie Esimio (Antonio) and Stephen Smurlo (Theresa A.); loving grandmother of Michael Esimio, Jacob Smurlo, and Addison Smurlo; and dear sister of Victoria Crawford.

Theresa loved taking trips to the shore, especially Ocean City and Townsends Inlet. She enjoyed Easter flowers, planning parties, being a lunch lady at St. Peter's Church, watching The Mumpers, and was very proud of her Polish heritage and carrying on traditions. Her



Smurlo

favorite meal to cook for company was roast beef. Theresa also loved ice cream, treats from Aunt Charlotte's, and liked to drink "cheap sweet wine." She will be remembered as being strong willed, fighting to the very end. Theresa always tried to do her best for people. She was very much connected with her faith, being a parishioner at St. Peter's Church for over 50 years. Above all, she always put her family first.

Mass intentions can be made in her name to Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church, 43 W. Maple Ave., Merchantville, N.J.

Local Food Pantries Helping Those In Need

The following is a list of food pantries in Pennsauken and Merchantville that regularly assist local families in need:

- Circle of Hope (food delivered to an individual's home); every Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to noon; (856) 320-8230
- Gates of Praise, 6345 Wisteria Ave.; every second and fourth Friday, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.; (856) 473-5417
- First Presbyterian Church of Merchantville, 10 W. Maple Ave.; June 6 and 27, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.; (856) 662-6252
- Martin Luther Chapel, 4100 Terrace Ave.; every second Wednesday, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; (856) 665-0116

- Mary Queen of All Saints, 4824 Camden Ave.; every Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.; (856) 662-2721
- Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd.; every first Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to noon; (856) 662-8500
- Saint Matthew's Methodist Church, 1665 Derousse Ave.; every third Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; (856) 662-3610
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- Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 N. Rt. 130; every fourth Saturday, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.; (856) 663-7783
 - Trinity United Methodist Church, Merchantville, 36 W. Maple Ave.; second Wednesday of the month, 10:00 a.m. to noon; (856) 665-1806
 - World Harvest Christian Center, 7201 Westfield Ave.; every other Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; (856) 389-9191
- Volunteers, as well as food and financial donations, are greatly appreciated by these organizations. Para obtener esta lista en español, visite www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/local-food-pantries

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FOODADVENTURES

By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

One of my foodie bucket list items was always to experience some good dim sum, a Chinese dish of small steamed or fried savory dumplings containing various fillings, which serves as a snack or main course. In my mind, I imagined filling my entire table with containers of these glorious bites and bits. At Kim Sum in Pennsauken, that is exactly what I did.

This was my son's first Food Adventures to somewhere that would be featured in the paper and online; he was super excited! As we got to Kim Sum, I noticed how open concept the place was. Tables were set with pleasant arrays of linens and teacups. At first glance, there is a ton of stuff here. They have everything from beef, chicken, and shrimp, all the way to abalone, frog, and jelly fish. It was a foodie's dreamland! Items are fairly priced at anywhere from \$2.50 to \$48 dollars, with some items at market prices, so they can vary. You get a good amount of food for what you pay.

We began with something simple: wonton soup. I also ordered a scallion pancake, which my son had never had. We went with shrimp dumplings, chicken feet in black bean sauce, Teochew dumplings, and cream custard buns. The wonton soup was simple, and the broth

Enjoying Dim Sum At Pennsauken's New Kim Sum Chinese Restaurant



The Dim Sum at Pennsauken's Kim Sum can compete anytime with any Chinatown restaurant.

was really pleasant. The wontons themselves were smaller and more loyal to what a wonton should be, as opposed to what we get from fast food takeaway. The flavor was great as well. The scallion pancake, crispy in texture and served with a savory sauce, was a hit. My five-year-old ate nearly the entire thing! Our

shrimp dumplings were lovely as well. The shrimp is lightly minced and wrapped in a thin wonton-like wrapper. The chicken feet in black bean sauce were completely unknown to me. I had seen these things in videos and on TV and was eager to try. It was savory. It was sticky. It was fun to eat. The black bean sauce wasn't overpowering either. The Teochew dumplings were a mixture of pork, veggies, and nuts inside a thin dumpling; my son devoured two of the three we were served. These are a definite go-to item. Last was the cream custard buns. These were soft, pillowy steamed buns filled with a sweet, frosting-like custard filling. Also, a big hit!

If you've had dim sum or you are looking for something different, I assure you that they have it here at Kim Sum. Service is fast, the tea is hot, and ambiance is very relaxed. There are two different menus. Lunch offers up a much larger dim sum menu, while dinner is a massive array of all the finest in Chinese cuisine. I'm thoroughly excited to take my family back here to try some more exciting stuff!

Kim Sum, located at 5201 Rt. 38, is open every day from 10:00 a.m. to midnight (yes, midnight). Make a reservation at (856) 885-2288. They also offer take-out ordering, and their menu is available

online. I'm so excited that this place is here and is so much closer than having to take the ride to Philadelphia for amazing Chinese cuisine! If you go,

make sure you head to my Facebook page AAP Food Adventures and tell me all about the things you tried. As always, be sure to enjoy your Food Adventures!



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FRIENDS of the LIBRARY

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

Here at last: the results of our annual poetry contest! This year's participation was considerably higher than last year's – three times as much to be exact with nearly 300 digital and quite a number of handwritten entries to judge. It seems staying indoors for a year influenced everyone's creative juices positively because this year's collection of poems showed incredible thought and diversity – and hope.

Judges did their decision making from the comforts of their homes, and the awards presentation will be a virtual

Friends Announce Poetry Contest Winners

event televised on YouTube by Pennsauken TV. Look for it.

Our winners run the gamut from 1st grade through 12th and into adulthood; and schools represented include Carson, Fine, Franklin, Pennsauken Intermediate, Phifer and PHS. Topics covered animals – “Gorillas,” “I am a Dolphin,” “Seagulls,” and “T-Rex,” – and boasted such intriguing titles as “The Mask of Masculinity,” “Leaving Me in Shambles,” “The Wicks-End,” “Sibling Blues,” “Letter to my Only Friends,” “A Sign of Hope” and “Bloom,” among others.

Now on to our winners. These 1st graders took first place, second place and

honorable mention in the serious category primary level respectively: Vivaan Dhanotiya, Francella Sang Espinales, and Matthew Taeras; and in the creative category: Jayden Ngo, Hoang Nguyen, and Laila Lewis.

In the elementary 2nd and 3rd grade level, first and second prizes in the serious category are Jeislyn Javier Cespedes, and Devanshi Mukherjee. The winner in the amusing category is Bianca Lusardi.

In the elementary 4th and 5th grade level, serious category, we congratulate Elizabeth Ngeth, Anthony Jose Nunez, and Debbie Suleiman-Arab for their first, second and honorable mention prizes. In the amusing category on the same level are first and second prize winners Aasir Redd and Jada Rubio.

In the elementary 6th and 8th grade level, first and second prizes in the serious category go to Esther Suleiman-

Arab and Merari Vega respectively and in the amusing category, first prize went to Michael Padilla and second prize to Fatina Losier.

High School winners Marquai Chestnut and Noah Talley took first and second prizes respectively; and our adult level entry first prize winner is Reed Starwind.

Look for the pictures of each winner along with their winning poems on the Friends of the Library Facebook page and watch the YouTube video of the presentation event on our website, www.pennsaukenlibraryfriends.org.

Lemonade 4 Change Project Returns

Finally, here's the rundown on our Lemonade 4 Change Project. You'll remember that Lemonade 4 Change is a way for communities to raise money to

provide their public library with funding to increase their books on diversity for all ages within the library's collection. Our way of looking at life these days has definitely changed, and the events of the past year have shown that how we look at cultural diversity has also changed.

This year, we will have three physical lemonade “stands” set up at the Pennsauken Library on Sunday, June 13, Sunday, July 11, and Sunday, Aug. 8, each from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. It's a drive-through only event – no walk-ups or bikes will be permitted. Participants will place their cash donation in the bin (checks will be welcome as well if you prefer), then drive through to receive their cold lemonade. It's a simple, easy, and wonderfully creative way to help our library, not to mention treating yourself to a nice cold drink on a hot summer day. Win-win!



Township Developing List Of Building Properties For Rent

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

As part of an initiative of Pennsauken's municipal government and its economic development department, property owners can submit business listings in town that are available for rent.

“We realize that it can be difficult right now to connect property owners who have open buildings with people looking

to move their businesses into just the right space,” explained Pennsauken Deputy Mayor Jessica Rafeh. “Working with our economic development department, we're hoping to make it a little easier.”

Business properties for rent can be submitted via the Pennsauken Township website. Listings will be shared via Google

Document for a month, after which it will be removed, unless the property is resubmitted by the property owner.

The deadline for the first list has been extended to Friday June 11, at 11:00 p.m.

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Pennsauken Kids Write About Their Great Parents

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Last month, a doctor working with COVID-19 patients, a supportive mom who is a great baker, a father who works hard for his family, and a dad who gives great advice were recognized as some of the best moms and dads in town.

The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee is comprised of a group of volunteers who plan and implement activities for our community's youth. One of their annual traditions is to sponsor a Mother's Day and Father's Day contest for third,

fourth, and fifth graders. Students are asked to write a letter describing why their mother or father figure is the best in Pennsauken. After reviewing all of the submissions, four were selected as the winners. These families were recognized during an informal, socially distant ceremony held the Township's municipal building last month.

"We understand how hard it is to raise a family in normal times, but to navigate through this pandemic and to see everybody come out with your beautiful fam-

ilies, this means a lot to us," said Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista. "We thank you for everything that all of these moms and dads do for your kids. What a great representation of our Township."

"Now that I'm a mother myself, I have a newfound appreciation for what my parents did for me. I think it's wonderful that these children wrote about how much they appreciate and love their moms and dads," added Deputy Mayor Jessica Rafeh. "I congratulate all of the parents being honored here today. It's very well deserved."

Third grader Rose Pasqua wrote about her mom, Adrienne Ligouri, a doctor working with COVID-19 patients at Temple University Hospital.

"She loves working there. She gives patients medicine to make them feel better. Sometimes she's on call, but we know she will be back in the morning. Somedays she gets home from work early so she can pick us up from school."

Will Snyder provided eight reasons why his mother, Antoinette, was the best mom in Pennsauken, who is not only nice, but a great baker.

"Instead of calling me mean and rude names, she calls me by nice and sweet names like 'her cub.' She makes this brownie cookie cake, it is sooo yummy; and she also makes these delicious cookies."

Maggie Bibelheimer wrote about her dad, Alan, "the best father I have ever met."

"My dad is the best father when it comes to working hard for his family. All day, my dad works hard to bring in enough money to support his many children. Oftentimes, he will come home super tired and upset, but he still finds time and energy to play with his kids."

Avery Martz wanted people to know why her dad was "the coolest in town."

"He always gives me and my sister a lot of advice every day. He takes us to the

park, hiking, and golfing any time he can. He also always listens to us, even when we're fighting. Even when he calls me a 'poopyhead' for not listening, it doesn't change the way I feel about him."

The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee thanks all those students who participated in this year's contest, the teachers and family members who encouraged them to write about their parents and relatives, as well as those caring and dedicated men and women throughout Pennsauken who inspire the children in this community.



Pennsauken Township recognized the winners of the "Best Mom, Dad, or Guardian" contest, sponsored by the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee.

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As we continue to reinstate in-person services for our community, we are planning both virtual events and events that can be held at the Library for this summer. Next month's issue of AAP will include our full schedule for Summer Reading 2021, so mark your calendars! We'll be sharing updates on Facebook, Instagram, and in our email newsletter, as well, so follow us on those platforms to keep up with all the news.

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Programs For Children And Families

- Preschool Storytime – Tuesdays, June 1 & 8; 11:00 a.m. Join Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina for virtual, interactive story time fun, live via Zoom! Online registration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/pfplstory21>. For children ages

3+ and their caregivers.

- What's New in Youth Services – Friday, June 4; 10:00 a.m. Ms. Susan and Ms. Sabrina provide a quick virtual tour of the Youth Services Department, live on Facebook, including a discussion of new materials, upcoming

programs, and a Q&A.

- Animal Crossing "Isle of PL" Open Play Hours – Mondays, June 7 & 21; 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The "Isle of PL" welcomes Animal Crossing New Horizons players of all ages! Our island will be open on the first and third Mondays of the month. To visit, add the PFPL's

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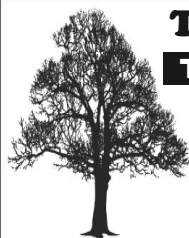
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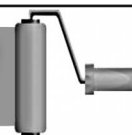
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